

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Before entry of this amendment, Claims 1, 2, 4-16, 18 and 19 were pending. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-15, 18 and 19 stand rejected. The examiner indicated that Claims 7 and 16, respectively, contain allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form with any intervening claims.

Please cancel Claims 1, 2, 4-16, 18 and 19 without prejudice.

Please accept New Claims 20-39.


New Claim 20 is an independent claim combining previously amended Claim 1 with previously amended dependent Claims 9 and 16, respectively. The examiner indicated that Claim 16 possessed allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form, which includes the incorporation of former Claim 16 (depending from Claim 9), Claim 9 (depending from Claim 1) and Claim 1. Dependent Claims 21-31 are dependent upon a Claim (Claim 20) considered allowable by the examiner, therefore Claims 21-31 are also considered allowed.

New Claim 32 is an independent claim combining previously amended Claim 1 with previously amended dependent Claim 7. The examiner indicated that Claim 7 possessed allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form, which includes the incorporation of Claim 7 (depending from Claim 1) and Claim 1. Dependent Claims 33-39 are dependent upon a Claim (Claim 32) considered allowable by the examiner, therefore Claims 33-39 are also considered allowed.

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Therefore, in view of foregoing amendments and clarifications, the applicant submits that allowance of the present application and all remaining claims, as amended, is in order and is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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